



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3rd Avenue,
Conference Room A
March 23, 2018**

Approved May 25, 2018

| | Members | Present | Absent |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Bannister, Christina | x | |
| 2 | Bowen-McDuffey, Toni | x | |
| 3 | Cortes, Wanda | x | |
| 4 | Friedman, Lawrence | x | |
| 5 | Job, Janelle | | x |
| 6 | Keller, Mark | | x |
| 7 | Locks, Lauren | x | |
| 8 | Martinez, Frances | x | |
| 9 | McFeely, John | | x |
| 10 | Nolasco-Warden, Maria | x | |
| 11 | Palacios, Carlos | | x |
| 12 | Romero, Javier | x | |
| 13 | Santiago, Steven | x | |
| 14 | Valle-Schwenk, Carla | x | |
| 15 | Vasquez, Silvana | x | |
| Quorum:6 | | | |

| Guests | |
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| Alex Barros | |
| Kattie McCrink | |
| Ana M. Nieto | |
| Angela Ortiz | |
| Gerardo P. Ramos | |
| Cynthia Rivera, MD | |
| Andra Tucker | |
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| Staff | |
| Marlen Meizoso | Kevin Otway |

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Dr. Maria Nolasco-Warden, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Christina Bannister indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The subcommittee reviewed the agenda and made no changes.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: Dr. Steven Santiago **Seconded: Wanda Cortes** **Motion: Passed**

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Dr. Nolasco-Warden read the following: *“Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns.”*

There were no comments, so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of February 23, 2018

Members reviewed the minutes and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of February 23, 2018.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Steven Santiago

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). There are nine vacancies on the Medical Care Subcommittee, including several for PLWHAs, a case manager, and a substance abuse provider. Interested individuals can attend a subcommittee meeting or contact staff for more information. There are only three additional requirements for membership: to complete the New Member Orientation and Ethics Training, and to complete the required disclosures (Conflict of Interest/Source of Income).

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program Update**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the January 2018 expenditures as of 3/1/2018 (copy on file). In Part A/MAI expenditure report about 86% of the direct services dollars and 86% of the total grant have been disbursed. In MAI, over 89% of the direct service funding had been disbursed and 86% of the total grant had been disbursed. Fewer than 10,000 clients have been served in January. Year end reports are due. The Client Level report was submitted to HRSA on Wednesday. Final line items and progress reports are shortly due from providers. Continuation contracts are being worked on and transmittal letters should be sent out next week. For those clients who have OON referrals, these will be extended for another month. Forms to simplify the process for PAC Waiver clients transitioned to managed care (MMA) and long term care (LTC) are being worked on. Test and Treat/Rapid Access will begin on April 1 at provider sites. The Part A program will pay for the first set of labs and first medical visit, while the Department of Health will pay for the medications. Clients must get their medication within seven days of diagnosis. Subrecipients are reminded that this is the last year of renewals for current Ryan White Program services. An RFP will be issued toward the end of the summer. Finally, the County is working with General Revenue to see if nutritional supplements that are now disallowed by HRSA can be accessed through that funding stream.

▪ **Expenditure Reports**

▪ **ADAP Update**

Javier Romero

Dr. Romero reviewed the report from March 2018 (copy on file). In February, there was \$2,117,768.87 spent on 4,220 prescriptions for 2,460 clients. The undetectable rate is 97.89%. There were 80 new enrollees. Under insurance payments \$1,216,756.47 was spent in February. A new table on Insurance type was included which provided details on the number of clients by insurance type. The majority are ACA market place plans (86.8%). Formulary expansion for Phase 2 has a target completion date of June 30. Two new medications have been added (Juluca and Biktarvy). Juluca had been added to the formulary in February, and did not have to be authorized here; the memo for Biktarvy was included in the meeting packet (copy on file). The Subcommittee indicated that the Part A program generally approves new formulary items as a back-up to the ADAP formulary. The new medication would be life saving and reduce pill burden for clients. The 90-day PUSH has been announced and there are 53 (14%) clients signed up out of 367 who are eligible. Clients in this program must start either on the first or fourth month of their prescription. Texting and email reminders are now available. Q-flow data charts were reviewed. The Subcommittee made a motion to add Biktarvy to the Ryan White Part A formulary.

Motion to add Biktarvy to the Ryan White Part A prescription drug formulary.

Moved: Dr. Steven Santiago

Second: Wanda Cortes

Motion: Passed

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Wanda Cortes

Wanda Cortes reviewed the February report (copy on file). In February, 307 clients were served at a cost of \$56,844.99.

VIII. Standing Business

None.

IX. New Business

- Ryan White Program Psychiatric Medications Review

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Mrs. Meizoso reviewed psychiatric medications for 3/1/2017 through 1/30/2018 (copy on file). During the needs assessment in February, data on both mental health and psychiatry were pulled and while there are not many clients accessing the services there are more clients who are on psychiatric medications than accessing psychiatric services. Three sets of data were presented: the number of clients who access psychiatric services, which totaled 34, the type of psychiatric services received [the majority of which were diagnostic, for 26 clients, and finally those clients who were prescribed a psychiatric medication (221). The two largest groups of medications dispensed were antidepressants and benzodiazepines. Two anticonvulsant medications (Gabapentin and Phenytoin) were listed as psychiatric medications: the Subcommittee questioned if it was appropriate to include these under the category of psychiatric medications. Gabapentin may be used off-label to treat psychiatric conditions, but Phenytoin will be removed from the list. The Subcommittee also queried about the number of clients receiving Quetiapine since this medication requires a psychiatrist's prescription. Staff will look into details on this medication.

The Subcommittee raised several issues related to the data presented on prescriptions, psychiatric visits and the decline in mental health services to clients in care. Subcommittee members voiced concern over the disproportionate number of clients receiving psychiatric medications vs. the number of clients seeing a psychiatrist, and felt that psychiatric medications should be more closely monitored by psychiatrists since medication adjustments may sometimes be needed. A second concern was with the decline in mental health visits: although some subrecipients link mental health services with medical care services during the intake process, it is not a standard practice. Subcommittee members suggested possibly developing a letter to primary care providers alerting them to mental health issues among RWP clients, especially among the newly-diagnosed, to raise awareness and stimulate mental health service utilization. The Subcommittee suggested inviting a psychiatrist to the next meeting to provide input on these issues.

- Early Initiation (Test and Treat)

Dr. Cynthia Rivera

Dr. Cynthia Rivera reviewed a presentation on Early Initiation (copy on file). Several studies were reviewed regarding the efficacy of the "Test and Treat" early treatment model in achieving early viral suppression.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed April and May calendars (copy on file). New Clients in Ryan White Care for January was reviewed (copy on file). There were 60 new clients, the majority of whom identified as MSM. Pridelines is also hosting several LGBT events next week (copy on file).

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is April 27, 2018 at the United Way Ansin Building.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Nolasco-Warden adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.